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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau --
March 1985

I. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. On 16 March, the RSA and Mozambique marked the first anniversary of the Nkomati Accord under shaky circumstances. On the 5th, Maputo radio carried a statement by Mozambique President Machel that South Africa was not honoring the accord, and other officials added that elements in the RSA were continuing to assist the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR). RSA Foreign Minister Pik Botha responded with interviews carried by SAPA and Johannesburg radio's "Top Level" program admitting the security situation in Mozambique had worsened and suggesting some steps to help the government, including possibly RSA troops. On the 20th, SAPA reported that the RSA had banned aircraft flying close to the border in order to halt clandestine flights aiding the MNR.

2. At least 14 people were killed by police in Uitenhage, Eastern Cape, on the 21st, the anniversary of the infamous Sharpeville killings in 1960. The mounting toll of dead and injured provoked a major crisis for the government and prompted a judicial inquiry into the circumstances. The government contended that the police had acted in self-defense, while various opposition groups countered that police had fired without cause. Further incidents and protests were generated by the incident, and promise to continue. On the 27th, Johannesburg radio and television carried live a hard-line speech by President Botha pledging that those who wish "chaos to reign" in South Africa would not succeed.

3. On the 15th it was announced that the RAND DAILY MAIL, the internationally known South African liberal paper, would close

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at the end of April. Closing at the end of March was the SUNDAY EXPRESS, also a liberal newspaper. The reason for the closures was heavy financial losses, but it was no secret that the government had been supporting the RDM's rival morning paper, THE CITIZEN, a government mouthpiece, in an effort to undercut the liberal paper. Prime Minister Botha welcomed the paper's demise. The RDM was consistently the most productive paper the bureau covered.

4. On the 17th, Johannesburg radio reported that 17 prisoners of UNITA in Angola, including two Americans, had been released. Earlier the bureau had processed interviews by KUP, the UNITA press agency, with various prisoners, which aroused the interest of political officers in Pretoria and Johannesburg.

5. Assistant Secretary Crocker met with Angolan and RSA representatives during the month. Angola media reported few details of the meeting between their interior minister and Crocker except to note that possible U.S. recognition was involved. South African media reported that a partial withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola had been discussed.

II. ADMINISTRATION

Buildings and Grounds

1. The bureau's remote operations building was completed near the month's end and power was supplied on the 28th. Installation of equipment was underway at the end of the month with the microwave racks in place at each end of the circuit.

2. New security alarms were installed in the bureau chief's and editor's residences to replace units damaged by lightning. Construction started on a guard shack for the editor's residence and shacks will also be built at the bureau chief's and deputy chief's residences. The bureau contracted with a new security guard service for the residences in an attempt to improve security following the robbery of an embassy employee at her home and the attempted break-ins at two other embassy residences. The new guard service is operated by a former Rhodesian air force security officer.

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III. VISITS

To the Bureau

STAT 1. FBIS Deputy Director [redacted] and DDS&T Associate Director Jim Hirsch visited the bureau 27-28 March, meeting with embassy officials and bureau staff members.

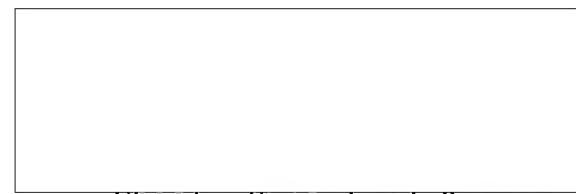
STAT 2. [redacted] FEB/ED, arrived 13 March to assist
STAT bureau engineer [redacted] with final installation of the remote antenna site.

STAT 3. London Bureau deputy commo chief [redacted] concluded his training of the bureau's teletype section and departed Mbabane on 31 March. [redacted] provided a complete training course for all personnel and gave special emphasis to training the bureau's teletype supervisor in supervisory tasks.

IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. The deputy chief participated in a relay race held by the Waterford-Kamhlaba school on 23 March. He soaked the bureau staff, who for some reason underestimated his tenacity, for large sums of money in sponsorship. The money will be used in the school's community aid programs.

2. The bureau chief attended a reception held during the conference of the southern African PAO's in Mbabane. The PAOs were unanimous in their praise for FBIS coverage of southern Africa and the PAO in Cape Town mentioned that part of each morning's meeting at the consulate was devoted to the FBIS take. The bureau chief used the opportunity of the occasion to plead for help from the Maputo PAO in getting the bureau's subscriptions to its Mozambique newspapers renewed. The Maputo embassy has been completely unresponsive to bureau requests for assistance.



Chief, Swaziland Bureau

SWAZILAND BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MARCH 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 216,280
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 11,850
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 661

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:
(minutes or issues per week)

5,420	8,040	113
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

145,890	39,000	31,390
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ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	22,580
Luanda ANGOP in English	270
Luanda ANGOP in French	780

BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in English	6,120
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English	

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	4,150
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	
(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola	1,160
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern & Central Africa	4,980
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern & Central Africa	800
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern & Central Africa	280
(Clandestine) Voice of Truth in Portuguese to Angola	230

LESOTHO

Maseru Domestic Service in English	4,960
Maseru Domestic Service in seSotho	
Maseru LESOTHO WEEKLY in English	

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
MADAGASCAR			
Antananarivo Domestic Service in French		290	
MALAWI			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English		1,960	
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			
Blantyre MALAWI NEWS in English			
MAURITIUS			
Port Louis Domestic Service in English			
Port Louis Domestic Service in French			
MOCAMBIQUE			
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese		14,220	
Maputo in English to Southern Africa		2,410	
Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese			
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			4,200
Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese			
NAMIBIA			
Windhoek Domestic Service in Afrikaans			
Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans			
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			
Windhoek WINDHOEK OBSERVER in English			
Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans			
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans		320	
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English		27,530	
Johannesburg International Service in English		10,990	
Johannesburg Television Service in Afrikaans		840	
Johannesburg Television Service in English		840	

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
Umtata Capital Radio in English	9,610		
Johannesburg SAPA in English	31,890		
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans	480		
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English	270		
Johannesburg RAND DAILY MAIL in English	8,020		
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans	630		
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			680
Johannesburg SUNDAY EXPRESS in English			
Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English			6,490
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES in English			
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			400
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			1,100
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	2,840		
Mbabane Domestic in siSwati			
Mbabane Television Service in English	830		
Mbabane Television Service in siSwati	2,870		
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			3,240
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			610
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	6,060		
USSR			
Moscow in Ndebele to Zimbabwe			
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	6,150		

ZAMBIA

Lusaka Domestic Service in English	4,970
Lusaka Voice of Namibia in English	
Lusaka Voice of Freedom in English to Southern Africa	4,150
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English	
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English	550
Lusaka ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL in English	

ZIMBABWE

Harare Domestic Service in English	9,810
Harare Domestic Service in Ndebele	
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	
Harare THE HERALD in English	4,130
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English	590
Harare The Financial Gazette in English	